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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Ms. Lauren J. Belvin
Acting Director
Office of Legislative Affairs
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., #808
Washington, D.C. 20554

92-235

Dear Ms. Belvin:

I recently received a letter from one of my constituents expressing concern about PR Docket 92-235. I respectfully request that this letter be given full consideration; however, no response to my office is necessary. I am enclosing a copy for the record.

Sincerely,



David L. Boren
United States Senator

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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The Honorable David Boren
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Boren:

The Pittsburg County Firefighters Association just recently received information on the Re-Farming of the Radio Frequencies as proposed by the Federal Communications which would require everyone in the State operating radios below 512 MHz to have the system changed in 1996.

This is going to cause a real hardship to the Twenty-six (26) volunteer fire departments in Pittsburg County as well as everyone else who depends on the present radio system for communication.

Of the Twenty-six (26) volunteer fire departments using the present system, the cost of a new system will be prohibitive, since all small volunteer fire departments have an operating budget of about \$1,000 a year, in order to continue to protect the communities in rural Pittsburg County with rescue and fire protection. It has taken MANY years and a lot of money to equip these fire departments with effective communication systems. EXAMPLE:

Each Dept. - 5 Radio's @ \$400.00	-----	\$2,000.00
Each Dept. - 2 Portables @ \$350.00	-----	\$ 700.00
Each Dept. - 12 Pagers @ \$300.00	-----	\$3,600.00
Each Fire Dept. TOTAL		<u>\$6,300.00</u>

Twenty-Six fire departments - 26 X \$6,300.00 = \$163,800.00 TOTAL

Projected new system: EXAMPLE:

Each Dept. - 5 Radio's @ \$750.00	-----	\$3,750.00
Each Dept. - 2 Portables @ \$50.00	-----	\$ 900.00
Each Dept. - 12 Pagers @ \$500.00	-----	\$6,000.00
Each Fire Dept. TOTAL		<u>\$10,650.00</u>

Twenty-Six fire departments - 26 X \$10,650.00 = \$276,900.00 TOTAL

The cost to change this system is a great amount of money just for the Fire Band Network in Pittsburg County, and there are 77 counties involved in the programs. As you can see, we already have spent a lot of money to help our residents and this past expenditures will be thrown away by the new system and none of us have funds to purchase the cost of any new equipment in order to stay in step. If you permit this change, PLEASE get funds set aside to help make this change over possible for the small volunteer fire departments.

We are sincerely asking you to help our rural residents by stopping this Frequency Re-Farming by the Federal Communications Commission PR Docket 92-235...

Respectfully,

Richard Petricek

Richard Petricek, Chairman
High Hill Volunteer Fire Department
Rt. 4, Box 411
McAlester, OK 74501

Bucks of Gaines Creek

VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSOCIATION, LTD.
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Walter Phelps
Fire Chief